

**Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Public Comments Submitted
through August 11, 2010**

From: Sue Sack

Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 4:09 PM

To: Melissa Miller-Henson; kbrooks61@gmail.com; 'Jim Martin'; 'TODD BRUININKS'; 'Adam Wagschal'; 'Craig Bell'; 'The Recreational Fishing Alliance'; lucky50@suddenlink.net; 'Jennifer Savage'; openbeaches-trails@suddenlink.net

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Subject: NCRSG failure to reach out to Shelter Cove

I read the local newspaper (Redwood Times) and was surprised to find out that there was an actual NCSG meeting held in Shelter Cove on July 26th. How did that get under the radar? Less than a handful of people attended. (That means less than five) This would have been a great opportunity to rally and get some news coverage in opposition to MPAs for a change but the date and time was not emailed out by the MLPAI staff like all the other (far away and expensive to get to) meetings. I was planning on giving a petition from the Citizen's Alliance to the stakeholder representatives signed by hundreds of locals who are in opposition to areas being closed on the North Coast. Shelter Cove people are boycotting meetings as they have not been given any power to stop paid environmental representatives or research interest groups from mandating unworkable closures in the Shelter Cove area. (Petition will be posted to Public Comments section of the DF&G website sometime next week). If the meeting had been well published I know there would have been more people outside protesting than inside.

Please pass this correspondence along to the NCSG representatives and the BRTF to inform them that we are getting more and more frustrated with the process.

Thanks,
Sue Sack
Shelter Cove

From: Brandi Easter

Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 4:43 PM

To: sue@sheltercove-ca.gov; kevin mcgrath

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Subject: Re: NCRSG failure to reach out to Shelter Cove

Hi Sue,

Thank you for your note. For clarification, NCRSG Kevin McGrath set this meeting up, NOT the MLPA-I, using what resources he had in the time he planned this meeting. He has been doing a great job to get the word out about the MLPA-I process and take additional measures outside the MLPA-I outreach to inform the community despite your experience. From my understanding, his biggest hurdle to inform your community are several individuals who are so anti-MLPA they tear down any posted announcements, denying others interested in learning about meetings.

I was one of the five attending NCRSG members willing to give up my personal time and come to your community to do what I can to help hear the voices, concerns, suggestions, etc in this process. I am sorry to learn yours and others were not heard that day. The good news is, you/they can still share your thoughts!! Public comments is one way or as a suggestion, maybe you can work with Kevin (707) 923-1984 (707) 223-1939 kbjuan@yahoo.com (contact info also can be found <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/ncproject.asp#members>) to set up another meeting and help him get the word out so many can be in attendance.

Thank you again Sue,
Brandi

From: Sue Sack
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 12:52 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Public Request for an EIR for the North Coast Section

To: Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force

I wish to request the completion of an EIR prior to the completion of the third and final round of the NCRSG North Coast Draft MPA proposals. This information must be made available to stakeholders prior to them making their final decisions.

Thanks,
Sue Sack,
Administrative Secretary

From: Sue Sack
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Melissa Miller-Henson
Cc: 'Talbot, Alison'; 'Richard Culp'; 'Kevin B Mc Grath'; MLPAComments; Ken Wiseman; 'Kelly Sayce'
Subject: RE: Formal request to post public comments made to against MPA implementation on the North Coast

Hi Melissa:

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Cheers,
Sue Sack,
Administrative Secretary

From: Melissa Miller-Henson
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 6:26 PM
To: Sue Sack
Cc: 'Talbot, Alison'; 'Richard Culp'; 'Kevin B Mc Grath'; MLPAComments; Ken Wiseman; 'Kelly Sayce'
Subject: RE: Formal request to post public comments made to against MPA implementation on the North Coast

Dear Ms. Sack,

Thank you for your message and voicing your concerns about the availability of comments submitted via email to MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov. We make every effort to ensure that comments submitted by the public are readily available to the MLPA groups working to redesign marine protected areas in the north coast and to the extent possible the general public as well.

In your message you indicate that none of the sample comments have been posted to the MLPA website and allude to the possibility that they were not posted because they are "...against implementation of the MLPAI in some form or another." If you have read the comments posted to the MLPA website you will note that there are a number in opposition to the MLPA and/or MLPA Initiative, so we are not attempting to keep those sentiments from the public.

With regard to the four examples you provide:

1. Your January 11 comment is included in a compilation of all draft regional profile comments, similar to a compilation that was created for the revised regional profile comments (those compilations are linked directly from the regional profile pages). However, your message brings to our attention that the MLPA website link to the draft regional profile comments is missing and needs to be re-created. We will make sure that link is made live on Monday.
2. Messages that are not really comments but rather are a specific question that staff can answer are responded to directly, such as the response you received regarding the University of Connecticut message (your message was dated July 15).
3. Richard Culp's June 22 comments regarding the Round 2 draft MPA proposals is included in a compilation of Round 2 draft MPA proposal comments (dated July 19, 2010)
4. The MLPA Initiative office has no record of your July 8 comment; staff checked all incoming email to MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov, incoming USPS mail, incoming faxes, comments submitted through the Round 2 online form, and comments submitted at the July public open houses. Staff found other comments you submitted on June 22 and June 24 via the online form, but nothing after May 19, 2010 with language that reflects your comments as included below.

Please note that your comments as submitted below have been posted to the MLPA website in our weekly compilation of comments dated 8/4/2010.

Thank you again, Sue. I hope this information is helpful.

Melissa Miller-Henson
Program Manager
California MLPA Initiative
916.208.4447

Dear RSG,

I am writing in support of marine protection because the ocean is vital to human survival. It provides food, oxygen and a potential future energy source.

Please help support the local fishing industry, and the tourist industry in our area.

I hope that you represent us all as well as our precious coast line.

Thank You,

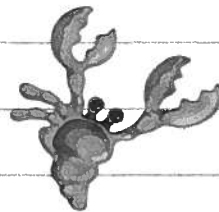
Alex J.



Dear Regional stakeholder Group,
I am writing to let you know I support marine protection because I believe that conserving, ~~and~~ protecting and maintaining our marine life is imperative for our species to live a healthy and fulfilling life for centuries to come. I enjoy the coast because I am a photographer beach goes and human. I have lived on the north coast for 5 years and hope to live here for many more years and continue to enjoy our beautiful coast.

I hope you represent me well as you design the network of marine protected areas in the North Coast.

Thank you,
Nicole Lee Quinn
Nicole Lee Quinn
Arcata, CA



Dear Regional Stakeholder Group,

I am writing to let you know that I support marine protection because I could not imagine my life without the ocean. There are many reasons why I cannot picture that. One of the reasons is because as a Natural Resources Interpreter I am passionate about using tidepools as a ~~reason~~ resource for educating our youth about marine ecosystems. Another reason is because I enjoy ocean kayaking as a way to connect with the environment.

As you design the network of marine protected areas I hope you represent me for the areas of the North Coast. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

-Jacqueline Ruggieri
Arcata

Dear Regional Stakeholder Group,

I am writing to let you know that I support marine ~~protection~~ protection because I think that fish are very important and that if we have more there ~~there~~ might be less hungry people. I enjoy the coast because I am an avid photographer and bird watcher. And I hope that you represent me as well as you design the network of marine protected areas in the North Coast.

Thank you,
Emma
Arcata, CA
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Dear Regional Stakeholder Group,

I am writing to let you know that I support marine protection because

I want to leave clean oceans for
our children and protect the natural habitat
of humans and other living things

I enjoy the coast because I am an avid (circle one or more that apply):

Fishermen

Diver

Kayaker

Surfer

Photographer

Beach Walker

Bird Watcher

Other

And I hope that you represent me well as you design the network of marine protected areas in the Northcoast.

Thank You,

Michael Carrington

Name

Arcata, CA 95521

City

Dear Regional Stakeholder Group,

I'm writing to let you know I support marine protection because I love taking kids tide-pooling + teaching them about sea life. My mom paints these beaches + my dad is an avid birder.

We hope you represent us as well as you design the network of marine protected areas in the Northcoast.

Thanks so much!

Laura Salerno
Arcata CA

7-31-10

Dear Regional Stakeholder Group

I am writing to let you know that I support marine protection because the coast brings a lot of peace, healing and revenue to our County. Tourists love the uniqueness of the North Coast because it's so rich and beautiful in its natural state.

I enjoy the coast because I am an avid beach walker and love the energy it provides me.

I hope that you represent me well as you design the network of marine protected areas in North Coast

Thank you,

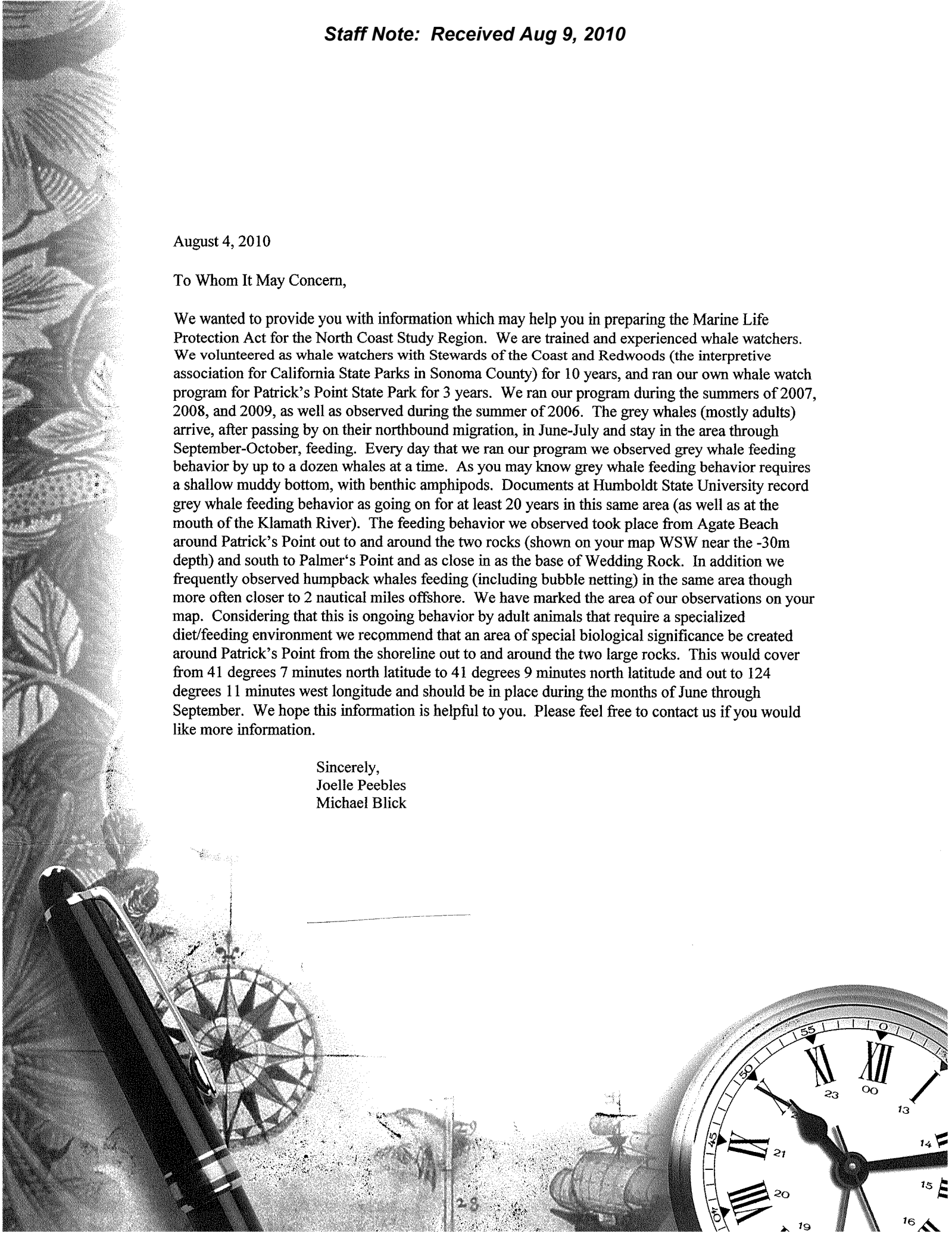
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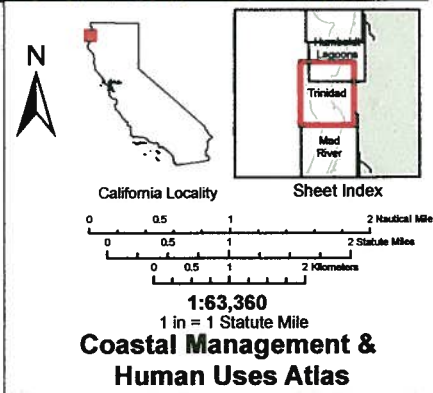
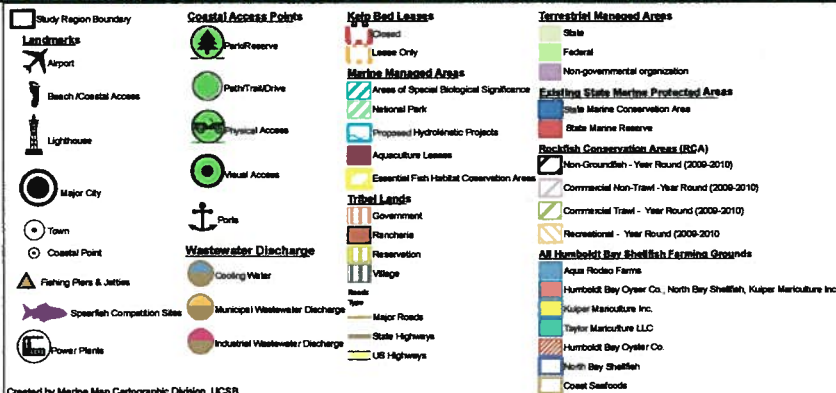
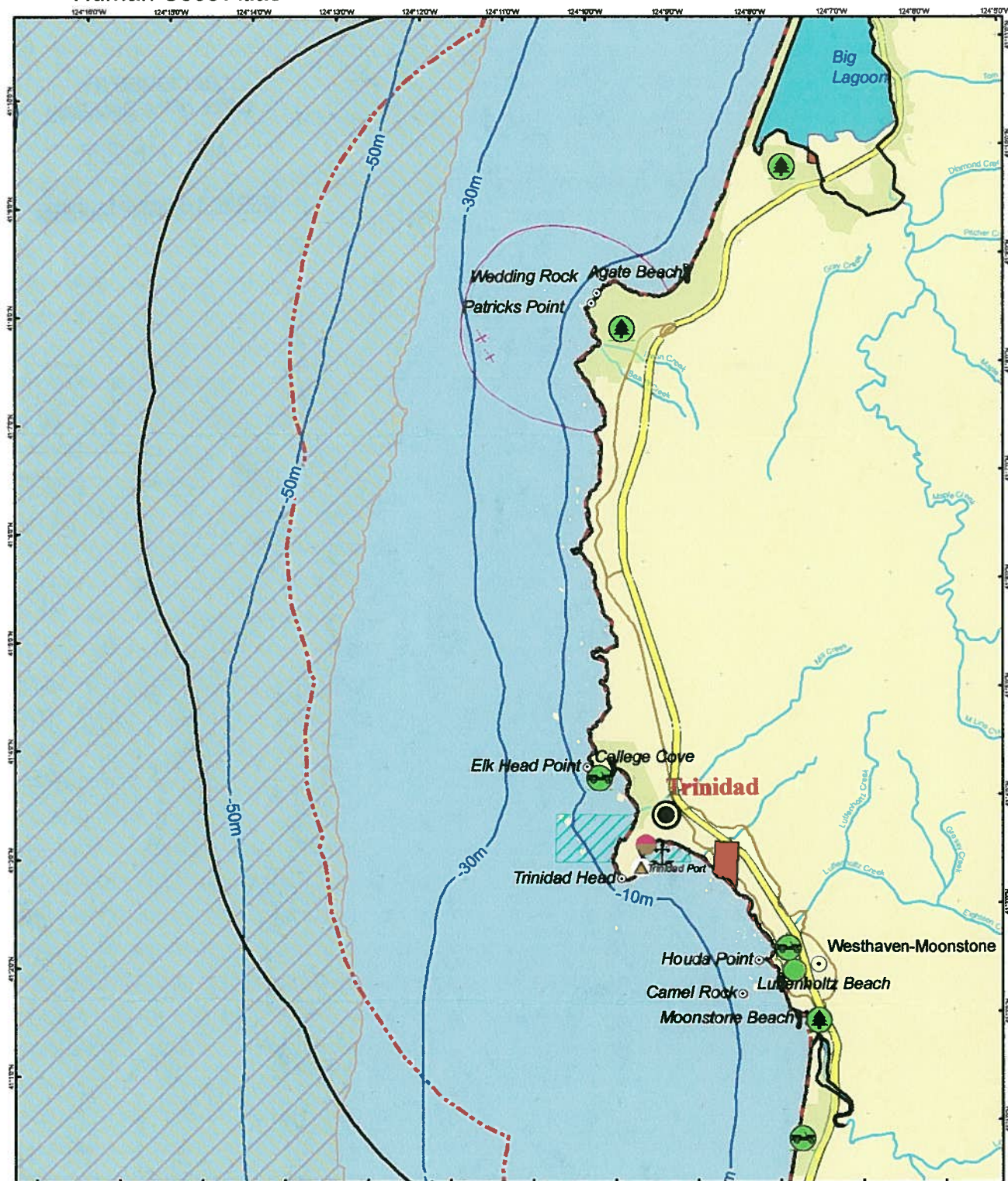
August 4, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

We wanted to provide you with information which may help you in preparing the Marine Life Protection Act for the North Coast Study Region. We are trained and experienced whale watchers. We volunteered as whale watchers with Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (the interpretive association for California State Parks in Sonoma County) for 10 years, and ran our own whale watch program for Patrick's Point State Park for 3 years. We ran our program during the summers of 2007, 2008, and 2009, as well as observed during the summer of 2006. The grey whales (mostly adults) arrive, after passing by on their northbound migration, in June-July and stay in the area through September-October, feeding. Every day that we ran our program we observed grey whale feeding behavior by up to a dozen whales at a time. As you may know grey whale feeding behavior requires a shallow muddy bottom, with benthic amphipods. Documents at Humboldt State University record grey whale feeding behavior as going on for at least 20 years in this same area (as well as at the mouth of the Klamath River). The feeding behavior we observed took place from Agate Beach around Patrick's Point out to and around the two rocks (shown on your map WSW near the -30m depth) and south to Palmer's Point and as close in as the base of Wedding Rock. In addition we frequently observed humpback whales feeding (including bubble netting) in the same area though more often closer to 2 nautical miles offshore. We have marked the area of our observations on your map. Considering that this is ongoing behavior by adult animals that require a specialized diet/feeding environment we recommend that an area of special biological significance be created around Patrick's Point from the shoreline out to and around the two large rocks. This would cover from 41 degrees 7 minutes north latitude to 41 degrees 9 minutes north latitude and out to 124 degrees 11 minutes west longitude and should be in place during the months of June through September. We hope this information is helpful to you. Please feel free to contact us if you would like more information.

Sincerely,
Joelle Peebles
Michael Blick





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